

their lair, they're on the ships, they're in the air, they're working here, they're working there, on railroads taking travelers' fare, our cars and trucks they do repair. They serve as doctors giving care; they're lawyers seeking process fair, the garb of nuns and priests they wear, they've infiltrated everywhere. They've sat in the electric chair and judges were who sent them there. They may have long, short or no hair, be homeless or have cash to spare. They may be single or a pair; some play lion, some the hare. They like their meat well done or rare and some for veggies only care. They play whisk, bridge and solitaire, no scarlet letter do they wear nor mark of Cain in forehead bear. Our moral giants ooze despair because they cannot lay them bare nor snag them in escape proof snare. To turn our backs we do not dare, so on your guard beware, beware, they're everywhere, they're everywhere. And they are. I hope there is some discussion on this issue, but whether my colleagues join me or not, I plan to put some things into the record.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We had a colleague here, Senator Lowell Johnson. When his son died not long ago, my colleagues came to me, not all of them, and expressed sorrow and condolences. Our former colleague's son was gay. When that fact was placed on the matter, members of the Legislature who are afraid to even discuss this issue suddenly had a different attitude and reaction. Barry Goldwater, one of the most ultra conservative "Repelicans" you could find, changed his attitude about homosexuality when one of his younger relatives was learned by him to be homosexual, and we all know that Newt Gingrich has a younger sister who is a lesbian. We could talk, I could talk about Michaelangelo and I had mentioned this in the committee. If the attitude of the Catholic Church at that time, and if the attitude of that pope was the same as some people in that church hold today, the Sistine Chapel ceiling could never have been painted because you would discriminate against a homosexual. You would not dream of allowing a homosexual to paint such stunning portrayals as the Creation where you see the finger of one man reaching out toward the finger of another man. You would not have any of that. You would not have the painting of the Final Judgment. But there have always been gay people throughout history, there always will be, and there has not always been the crude, unenlightened attitude that exists today